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SUBJ: FUNDING OF UNHCR PROGRAM IN THAILAND

1. IN THE COURSE OF MY TALK WITH FONMIN CHATCHAI OCTOBER 14, HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED DURING HIS STAY IN JAPAN THAT THE GOJ WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION TO UNHCR. HE POINTED OUT THAT TO DATE THE INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR FELL FAR SHORT OF THE \$12.4 MILLION GOAL.

2. I TOLD CHATCHAI THAT THE USG HAD APPROVED A \$3.1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION AND THAT A FAR MORE SIZABLE CONTRIBUTION WAS BEING APPROVED IN WASHINGTON. IT WAS MY HOPE THAT ONCE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WAS MADE PUBLIC, THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOP OFF THE REQUIRED SUM.

3. I RECALL THAT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FOR APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION WAS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD OF MY CONSULTATION BUT THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION NOR ARE THE THAI AWARE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR CONTRIBUTION. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF ASSISTING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE UNHCR TO REACH ITS FUND RAISING GOALS BUT ALSO AS

A MEANS OF PRESSURING THE RTG TO PROVIDE MORE SUPPORT  
AND TO ASSURE THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES TO REFUGEES  
IF THE SCOPE OF THE US CONTRIBUTION WERE MADE PUBLIC  
SOONEST.

4. MISSION HERE CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER LACK  
OF SUPPORT BEING GIVEN REFUGEES IN ALL THAI CAMPS.  
NEED FOR FOOD, SHELTER AND MEDICINE IS ACUTE. IN  
ADDITION, CONSUL HARBIN REPORTS THAT WITH ONSET OF  
COLD SEASON, REFUGEES IN NORTHERN CAMPS WILL NEED  
BLANKETS. HIS REPORT ON VISIT TO NAN AREA FOLLOWS  
SEPTEL.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING STATUS OF OUR EARLIER  
CONTRIBUTION OF \$3.1 MILLION. UNHCR REPS HERE IN-  
FORM US THAT SUMS AVAILABLE TO THEM ARE LIMITED TO  
THE \$500,000 COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAM IN AUGUST  
AND THAT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED. NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY BETWEEN  
UNHCR REPS AND RTG FOR DISBURSEMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL  
\$1 MILLION, BUT WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE INITI-  
ATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE RELIEF PROGRAM WILL NOT  
GET UNDER WAY UNTIL BOTH THE THAI AND UNHCR ARE  
CLEAR ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE AND CAN PROCEED WITH A  
COHERENT PLAN. FROM HERE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT UNHCR  
IS DISBURSING FUNDS WITH AN EYEDROPPER AND THAT THE  
THAI ARE DRAGGING THEIR FEET Owing TO THEIR UNCE-  
TAINY IN REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES WHICH  
ARE LIKELY TO BECOME AVAILABLE TO THEM. IT WOULD  
APPEAR THAT THE BEST WAY TO BREAK OUT OF THIS CIRCLE  
WOULD BE FOR THE USG TO MAKE PUBLIC THE SIZE OF  
ITS CONTRIBUTION AND FOR THE UNHCR TO PROCEED WITH  
TIMELY DISBURSEMENTS HERE.

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